

Boost! and the whole Lower Mimbres Valley boosts with you. Knock! and you knock alone

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Celebrates Seventy-ninth Birthday

On Thursday, December the ninth, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson were entertained at dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Means by baby "Bills", his grandfather's namesake, and cousin. The happy occasion was in honor of Mr. Anderson's seventy-ninth birthday. All the family were present except Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson who could not come on account of the sudden illness of their baby boy. In spite of the disappointment over their absence, a most happy day was spent by all. The truth of the words: "How skillful grows the hand that obeys the lord's command," was proven by the beautiful and delicious dinner prepared by Mrs. Means. In the center of the loaded table a large cake bore in its decorations the figures 79.

During the dinner loving and appropriate toasts were drunk to the father and mother by Mr. Means and the other children present. A number of gifts and cards were received by the guest of honor from friends and members of the family.

Mr. Anderson is the youngest of a large family and the only member now living, he having reached a greater age than any of his brothers or sisters.

His long and useful life has been spent in devoted, unselfish care for his family. Four years of his life he gave in faithful and loyal service to the cause of the Southland as a soldier in the Confederate Army.

In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Anderson drove out to see their children Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson, taking them a beautiful basket of the birthday dinner.

Settlers Worth \$400.00 Per Year

A railroad immigration agent says every settler is worth \$400 a year to the community in which he locates. He brings out a good thought and one new to most of us. Offhand, it would seem that his figure is too low. If the settler and the land are both of the right kind, he should make more than \$400 a year. And he is worth to the community his total annual earnings, plus the improvement on his land, plus his personal property, plus the value of his example. This assumes that what the settler makes he either spends at home or banks at home. If he sends his money away from home, he is worth just that much less to his community.

A fine baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jagers on Tuesday evening.

Christmas Exercises

On Christmas Eve, at the church, at 7:30 p. m., there will be an entertainment, consisting of a flower drill and a Christmas play. After the program there will be a Christmas tree loaded with good things to eat for every child in the house. The Sunday School board thought it best to allow no presents on the tree, but have only the treat, as this will greatly diminish the work of the decorating and distributing committees.

Needs Larger Quarters

Frank Wallace is having an extension built on the end of his barber shop. He has lately installed another chair and employed an extra barber but soon found that he needed more room. The extension will give Mr. Wallace the desired floor space and will also add much to the attractiveness of the place.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. General Parson on December 11th and died a few hours after birth.

Those who attended the dance at Sounyside last Saturday evening report a very pleasant time. The attendance was not as large as had been at the dances held there recently, but a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who were present.

Relieves the Ninth Cavalry

Troop Band G, of the Thirtieth Cavalry left Monday morning for Alamo Negro and Colburn ranch where they will relieve the Ninth Cavalry. The Ninth has been ordered to the Philippines and as soon as the regiment being relieved in the Islands arrives to relieve Troop B and G, they will return to Columbus. They are expected to be away about thirty days.

Two Dances Saturday Evening

Two dances were given to the bank hall Saturday evening, one by the Thirtieth Cavalry Hop Association and the other by the Benevolent Order of Bees. One of the dances was held in the regular dancing hall and the other in the south wing of the building down stairs. The officers were there in full force with their invited guests and a good attendance of the B. O. B. dance caused a very lively time during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCorkle have moved to their ranch at Sierra Blanca, Texas. Columbus has lost some good people by their departure, but we wish them success in their new home.

The Spirit of Christmas

Once more the Blessed Day has come
To soothe the hearts of Christendom;
Like some cool hand that's pressed
Upon the fevered pulse of pain,
The Christmas Spirit comes again
To quiet our unrest.

Forgot awhile are grief and loss,
The brooding cares that irk and cross;
From farthest sea to sea,
From northern lands of ice and snow,
To where the rose and jasmine blow,
The Holy Mystery

O holy, blessed Christmas time
Of perfumed censers, pealing chime,
Thy fairest gifts we pray,
In bounteous measures, full and free;
Bestow on those across the sea,
So sore their need today!

The old and frail, forget them not;
And those about whose lives are wrought
So much of hope and prayer
The little ones, the coming race,
Bestow on them thy tenderest grace
To grow in wisdom, faith!

Sweet Yule-tide, of thy fullness bring
Peace unto hearts now sorrowing,
And unto great and small,
To man, bird, beast, to all that live,
Thy richest benediction give,
Thy happiness to all.

(By Louella C. Poole.)

Epworth League Social

The subject for the regular meeting of the Epworth League on next Sunday evening is "The Christmas Song of World Peace". Mr. Iva Bright is leader and an invitation is extended to all. The members are especially requested to be present at this meeting.

Township Plat Filed

Notice is given that the plat of survey of township 27 south, range 10 west will be filed in the U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, at 11 o'clock, January 11, 1916, at which time the unappropriated and unreserved lands therein will be subject to entry under appropriate acts of congress.

J. L. Walker was an El Paso business visitor Sunday and Monday. W. F. King was in charge of the store during his absence.

Mrs. Kate Liddell left for Clint, Texas today where she will spend sometime visiting at the home of A. J. Boyd.

Salazar is Freed

Following a hard fought trial occupying several days in the federal district court last week, General Jose Ynez Salazar, charged with perjury, was acquitted by the jury and given his freedom.

Immediately after the verdict was returned, Salazar was served with a subpoena to appear as a witness for the government in the case of Ezequiel Bies and other defendants charged with trying to bring about his escape from the Bernalillo county jail in old Albuquerque while he was being held for trial on the charge of perjury.

It will be remembered by our readers that Salazar was captured here last June by Jolly Garner.

Very Painful Accident

Joe Flura was very seriously injured Wednesday evening by having about a ton of adobes to fall on him, crushing his knee. He was working on the old Luna hotel building when the accident occurred. Drs. Dalney and Marshall were summoned immediately and set the broken bones. The thigh bone was split, and the knee was very badly crushed and also dislocated. The doctors think that his leg can be saved though he will have a stiff joint. Mr. Flura is a man of about fifty years of age and not in the best of health and it is feared that it will be a long time before he will be able to be around again.

Prefer to Stay at Home

Efforts have been made by Denning to get some of the troops of the Thirtieth stationed here to attend their celebration next week. The officers desiring that the men should have a good time during the holidays, in some of the organizations, left a top note of the men whether they should go to Denning or remain at home. The machine gun troop of fifty men voted forty-eight to two to remain in Columbus during the holidays.

Local Merchant Gets Big Contract

J. L. Walker, the Columbus hardware merchant, was this week awarded the contract of furnishing the hardware for the soldiers' quarters that are now under course of construction at this place. The contract calls for approximately \$5,500 worth of hardware, the larger part of which is corrugated iron roofing. Some of the leading hardware firms of El Paso had in bids, and Sears Roebuck & Company also had put in a bid. It is very gratifying to us to learn that a local firm can successfully compete with the big business houses of the country and we extend congratulations to Mr. Walker.

The hardware has been ordered from the factory and will arrive in a few days.

Will Furnish City Water

J. R. Osborne and W. F. King have submitted the following proposition to the Village Board of Trustees, proposing to take over the matter of furnishing water for the town. The old well is not of sufficient capacity to supply the necessary water and at present have not the funds to install a pumping plant at the new well, which has a capacity of about ten times that of the old well. The city pumping plant has been operated at a loss to the trustees for a long time and we believe that should the "city dads" see fit to accept the following proposition it will meet with the approval of every citizen.

To take over the water proposition from the new town well, to install a storage tank of galvanized iron of not less than 7000 gallons capacity, to put in a good substantial walking beam pumping rig, to erect a derrick over the well at the foot of main street, to elevate the tank to eighteen or twenty feet above the surface of the ground, to build an engine house not less than twelve feet wide and not less than thirty feet long, the Village to grant the use of said well at the foot of Main street as a new stand, and to grant the use of the Marine engine belonging to the Village now stored in the old pump house, and to turn over the water fund to be collected at our expense, the Village will be at no expense of installing the above mentioned plant, but to grant us the right to collect for all water furnished by said plant, to the water users at the present prices laid down in Village ordinance, for a period of two years from the date of this contract, the Village to have the right to purchase said plant at cost of installing plus ten per cent interest per annum on cost of installing said plant.

J. W. Hinz made a business trip to El Paso this week.

Prices to be Charged For Water

Below we publish an extract from the ordinance regulating the price of water to the city, the prices that will prevail in case the trustees let the contract to private parties.

The following charges shall prevail for use of water from the village well to all parties.

For the use of water by one family from a hydrant, \$12.00 per year.

For each additional family using from same hydrant, \$12.00 per year.

Soldiers Building Quarters

The first of this week the first work of building semi permanent quarters for the soldiers stationed here was begun. Comfortable frame houses are being constructed which will be a great improvement over the tents the Thirtieth has occupied for the past three years.

The Commanding Officer is taking leases on the ground on which they are building five year leases. There is an appropriation for building but none for the building site, and those who own the property are gladly leasing without any consideration whatsoever, with the exception of only one property owner. Several of the leading business men have been kept very busy during the past few days getting the leases signed up.

An article in the El Paso Herald of last Monday stated that Palomas was to be made the base of supplies for the Caranra army. In that case Columbus would be the receiving point of practically everything used by the army, and no doubt would bring back the troops of the 1st Squadron of the 10th.

The building of quarters is ample proof that Columbus will have protection against any crisis that might possibly arise also it will appear more home-like to the men. There is plenty of level ground here and an ideal place for maneuvers and battle practice, a good target range, a climate that makes out door drills possible during the entire year, beside the geographical location—only natural gateway from Mexico into the United States between El Paso, Texas, and Douglas, Arizona,—an ideal location in every respect for the soldier.

Boxing Event

Saturday afternoon, December 18th, there will be a boxing contest at the Crystal Theatre. A good card with a schedule of twenty rounds is attracting quite a little attention among the fans. The battle begins at 1:00.

For each barrel hauled away from said well, 5c per barrel.

For each head of stock, save and except transients, being in or passing through said Village, or the farmers teams as he may be in town, 25c per head per month.

For each head of stock less than one month from 25c to 5c for each watering.

For the use of water from said well, for building purposes, 5c per barrel.

For the use of water from said well for manufacturing purposes, 5c per barrel.

Section 5. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate this ordinance, and use or attempt to use water from said well, without first having permission to do so, according to this ordinance, shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars for each offense and the costs of the prosecution and in default of the payment of such fine shall be punished by imprisonment in the Village jail not exceeding five days.

Adopted and approved this 6th day of January, 1914.

W. D. Tipton,
Mayor.

Attest:
L. L. Lewis,
Clerk.

Xmas Just Around the Corner

We advise every buyer early shopping, so while we have the time we can show you our new goods which arrive daily, and it will also give you a chance to make a deliberate selection.

Do You Know

Mr. Buyer, that our stock is the largest in town, take it in every line?

Do You Know

That we are the only people in town who guarantee their merchandise for satisfactory wear and style? We don't offer you any specials or leaders in our ad, but our entire stock is at your demand. If in the market for anything just call and figure with us and be convinced that we can save you money.

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SAM RAVEL